



NPGS Niagara Peninsula Geological Society
Ashley's Monthly Report & checklist - NPGS - May 2018

Secretary

Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun

- Board meetings Mar Apr May Jun
 - Monthly meetings Mar Apr May Jun
 - AGM Feb
1. No Board meeting for April, hence, no minutes.
 2. March Board & Meeting minutes submitted to newsletter.
 3. Missed newsletter deadline for April minutes; however, are posted on the website & copies will be available at the May meeting.
 4. NPGS board & meeting minutes + any written reports - starting with February 2018 - are now available online at our website <http://www.ccfms.ca/clubs/NPGS/newsletters.htm>.
 - a) AGM minutes aren't posted yet - but will be shortly.
 5. Reminder: Dave B will make an appointment to update bank signatures for new signing officers.

Correspondence

Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun

- enquiries Mar Apr May Jun
1. Niagara Parks has asked for the Lava Touch Table to be switched out with the Niagara Table.
 - a) Ashley has volunteered to be the contact person for Niagara Parks.
 - b) However, we need a volunteer to check and see what TT boxes are at the Humane Society - also to ensure that boxes are well organized - in order to ensure that Niagara Parks receives the correct Touch Table.
 2. We also need a volunteer to re-contact the St Catharines library and find out if anything is happening with the TTs there.
 - a) St Catharines library has the Mini TT and a couple of boxes of the Canadian Shield TT
 3. Welland library has asked for any TT to be available to them for August - will set up at 3 branches - and will rotate.
 - a) We need a volunteer.
 4. Currently negotiating with a member to become our Touch Table Co-ordinator.
 - a) Job description below - though this may always be in flux depending upon what a volunteer is willing to fulfill, work schedules, etc.

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- Anything to report/new /details? Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun
1. 2018 AGM will be held on Saturday, May 26th in Kingston @ Gemstorm - Kingston's gem & mineral Show (May 26th & 27th).
 2. Ashley will be the voting delegate at the CCFMS AGM for Niagara.
 3. Would anyone else like to attend?
 4. CCFMS AGM minutes (previous year) & agenda (current year) are now available online at our website <http://www.ccfms.ca/clubs/NPGS/newsletters.htm>.

Website

Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun

- Meeting dates Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun
 - Field Trip dates Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun
 - Activities Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun
 - Show Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun
 - Newsletters Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun
 - Contact Us Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun
 - General updates Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun
 - Anything else/new/details? Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun
1. Faeryn has been removed from the executive list as Show Assistant. Thank you Faeryn for the



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fantastic job you did over the last few years on the Show!

Club Advertising	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
· for Niagara Region	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1. Link is: http://niagara.cioc.ca/record/NIA2317?Ln=en-CA										

Facebook	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
· Meeting dates	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
· Field Trip dates	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
· Pictures	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
· Facebook show page	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
· Anything else/new/details?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Field Trips	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
· in Newsletter?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
· Safety policies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
· Anything else/new/details?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

1. 2018 FT schedule - finally finalized - because there was one last set of dates that has now been settled upon.
 - a) planned August trip has been tagged onto Wayne County July trip (therefore, no field trip planned for August).
 - i) First 4 days are Wayne County.
 - ii) Next 3 days are Wayne County & NPGS - insurance reasons.
 - iii) Next 4 / 5 days are Niagara.
 - b) Deadline for newsletter was missed - and so, updated schedule will be sent out by extra emailing to members.
2. Marmora trips are currently in abeyance - Kawartha club is negotiating furiously. Please expect that there will be no Marmora trips this year. Thank you to Kawartha club for keeping Marmora open for the last few years - heroic! And thank you also to Kawartha for negotiating for all CCFMS clubs this year. Our hopes and best wishes are with you.
3. Reminder: Both Kingston & Kawartha FT schedules are available on our website @ <http://www.ccfms.ca/clubs/NPGS/trips.htm>.
4. Reminder: Brechin Quarry - Silurian fossil site - is not closed - this is a temporary situation - and should be resolved sometime in May.
5. Reminder: October 2018 trip to Rock Glen for Lion's Museum do on Charlie Southworth.

Motion:

NPGS Board approves the 2018 NPGS field trip locations, dates, and times.

Moved by: Ashley Pollock, seconded by: _____; carried/defeated.

Extra notes:

- i) *This is a requirement by Co-operators Insurance, starting 2018, that field trips are approved by a club's board/executive.*

Audit	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
· Meetings w/Auditor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
a) Because of Ashley's schedule, this is still behind - but is now at it's final point.										

Touch Table Co-ordinator volunteer responsibilities

Quite an easy job - and rarely takes any time at all.



Main Duties

1) Arrange Touch Table loans

- a) Answer emails requesting Touch Table loans - can be an organization or a person.
 - i) Please use npgsgeo@gmail.com NPGS general email.
- b) Arrange dates & times of both pickups & returns.
 - i) Borrowers are required to both pick up & return.
 - ii) Currently, the Touch Tables are stored at the Lincoln County Humane Society.
 - iii) and so, please ensure that Kevin Strooband is informed of any dates & times.
- c) Additionally, email a copy of the Loan Agreement & any Appendix that applies to person/organization wishing to borrow the Touch Table(s).
 - i) Rarely do organizations sign the loan agreement - instead, habit is to sign one of the Appendix copies (in other words, equivalent to a "receiving" slip). Please ensure that the borrower emails a picture of the signed loan/appendix after pickup.
 - ii) Please also ensure that final confirmation of return is acknowledged.
- d) When an NPGS member or the Show borrow Touch Tables, no paperwork is done except confirmation/informational emails.
 - i) NPGS members are expected to pickup, return, & repack boxes properly.

2) After a Touch Table is returned

Each Touch Table box (inside lid) has a list + pictures of what specimens belong in which boxes.

- specimens are in their correct boxes?
- specimens are all there?
- specimen cards are lying flat?
- boxes are stored on our storage shelves @ the Humane Society?

Majority of borrowers are very good about placing wrapped specimens carefully/well & placing specimen cards flat in the boxes ... however, not always - and so this can become a small chore.

3) Donations to Touch Tables

Many specimens, when donated, come with provenance explanations - but not always. Lots of NPGS members can help with identifications.

- a) Take a picture of the specimen(s).
- b) and update Appendix + Appendix with pictures.
- c) Print & laminate new specimen card(s).
- d) Choose appropriate box to place new specimen(s) & specimen card(s) in
- e) and replace Appendix with pictures inside box cover.

This, too, should be a relatively easy - but does entail a bit of running around.

- The NPGS reimburses for gas, photocopying, and laminating.
- Currently, Staples is the most cost-effective for photocopying and laminating.

Four Touch Tables

1) Niagara Rocks!

- 7 boxes - 5 with minerals, 2 with fossils - 118 specimens
- can be split into 2 smaller tables.

2) Lava from Around the World

- 3 boxes - 76 specimens.

3) Canadian Shield Treasures

- 8 boxes - 2 each of granites & alkalis; gemstones; metals; metamorphics - 139 specimens
- can be split into 4 smaller tables.

4) Mini table (specimens that bear no relationship to the above 3 TTs)

- 1 box - 9 specimens
- covers Jurassic through Holocene - includes a dinosaur bone!

Current Loans - please update list as loans change.



Table	Box	What's in the box?	Where?	Pick up date	Return date
Niagara Rocks!	1	calcite		Niagara Glen, Niagara Parks- Dynamic Earth/Science North exhibit As soon as possible	
	2	gypsum & dolomite		above	
	3	stylolite & glauconite		above	
	4	halite & Herkimer diamonds		above	
	5	Queenston shale, sphalerite, celestite, fluorite, chalk, flint, pyrite, & galena		above	
	6	corals		above	
	7	other fossils		above	
Lava from Around the World	1	Hawaiian volcanoes	Niagara Glen, Niagara Parks- Dynamic Earth/Science North exhibit		As soon as possible So can be switched to Niagara Rocks!
	2	Central American volcanoes	above		above
	3	North American & European volcanoes	above		above
Canadian Shield Treasures	1 & 2	granite & alkalic rocks			
	3 & 4	gemstones			
	5 & 6	metals			
	7 & 8	metamorphics			
Mini table	1		St Catharines Public Library		

1) St Catharines Public Library has Mini TT & some of the Canadian TT

- need to confirm which boxes of the Canadian TT
- Rachel Tkachuk rtkachuk@stcatharines.library.on.ca Youth Services Librarian, St Catharines Public Library - work: 905-688-6103 ext 227, cell: 289-687-2825

2) Request to switch out Lava TT with Niagara TT - as soon as possible

- Nathaniel Wheeler nwheeler@niagaraparks.com Shift Supervisor, Niagara Glen Nature Centre - work: 905.354.6678 cell: 289.668.0222

3) Request for loan + speakers for August 2018

- will rotate tables amongst 3 branches
- Heather McPeake hmcpeake@wellandlibrary.ca Coordinator of Branch Services, Welland Public Library, Seaway Mall Branch - 289-820-7472